

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the credit for clinical testing expenses for certain drugs for rare diseases or conditions and to provide for carryovers and carrybacks of unused credits.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a family-owned business exclusion from the gross estate subject to estate tax, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce welfare dependence, and control welfare spending.

SENATE RESOLUTION 117

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 117, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the current Federal income tax deduction for interest paid on debt secured by a first or second home located in the United States should not be further restricted.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. JOHNSTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BRADLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 146, a resolution designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week", and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 147

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 147, a resolution designating the weeks beginning September 24, 1995, and September 22, 1996, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 149

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 149, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent announcement by the Republic of France that it intends to conduct a series of underground nuclear test explosions despite the current international moratorium on nuclear testing.

AMENDMENT NO. 2336

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2336 proposed to H.R. 2002, a bill making appropriations for

the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. PACKWOOD], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2336 proposed to H.R. 2002, supra.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24—RELATIVE TO A BUST OF RAOUL WALLENBERG

Mr. PELL (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. FORD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 24

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. DEDICATION CEREMONY AND PLACEMENT OF A BUST OF RAOUL WALLENBERG IN THE CAPITOL

The rotunda of the Capitol may be used on November 2, 1995, for a ceremony incident to the placement of a bust of Raoul Wallenberg in the Capitol as previously authorized by Congress.

SEC. 2. SECURITY AND PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall take such action with respect to security as may be necessary to carry out section 1. The Architect of the Capitol shall make appropriate physical preparations for the ceremony referred to in section 1.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162—RELATIVE TO THE SENATE PRESS GALLERY

Mr. BYRD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 162

Whereas the media are a powerful force within our system of government;

Whereas the media have unequalled influence over the dissemination of information to the American people;

Whereas public trust of the media is essential to the health and proper functioning of our republican form of government;

Whereas the media have no industrywide ethical standards regarding the acceptance of earned outside income;

Whereas members of the media could appear to compromise their objectivity by receiving compensation from the same groups they cover; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of the American people and the media that any appearance of a conflict of interest regarding a member of the media's receipt of outside earned income be removed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That (a) not later than May 15 of each year, each accredited member of any of the Senate press galleries who was an accredited member in the preceding year shall file a report for the preceding year with the Secretary of the Senate disclosing the identity of—

(1) the primary employer of the member during the preceding year; and

(2) the identity of any additional sources of earned outside income received by the mem-

ber, together with the amounts received from each such source, during the preceding year.

(b) For purposes of this resolution

(1) the term "Senate press galleries" means—

(A) the Senate Press Gallery;

(B) the Senate Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery;

(C) the Senate Periodical Press Gallery; and

(D) the Senate Press Photographers Gallery; and

(2) the term "earned outside income" means any earned income received from sources other than a member's primary employer but does not include interest or dividends received on stocks, bonds, savings accounts, or other forms of passive investment or income from inheritances or rental activities.

(c) A report filed pursuant to this resolution shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and available for public inspection as provided in section 103 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 for financial reports filed by Members and employees of the Senate.

(d) An accredited member of any of the Senate press galleries who fails to file a report as required by this resolution shall be subject to the loss of the member's accreditation or such other penalties as the member's Senate press gallery deems appropriate.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on July 20, 1995, this body adopted an amendment I proposed which expressed support for public disclosure of certain types of earned income by members of the press in order for them to receive accreditation in the Senate press galleries. By a vote of 60-39, the Senate voiced its concern over the public perception of a press corps that largely lacks any ethical standards to guide its members. Today I am offering a resolution that, if adopted, will require such disclosure from the press.

I know that this is a controversial and somewhat delicate matter. I am aware of the concerns that the fourth estate has with requiring its members to reveal such information. Some members of the media will certainly object to any outside attempt to encourage even a limited code of ethical standards. I believe that those objections are misguided.

This resolution is not intended to be a punitive or vindictive exercise designed to punish, inconvenience or embarrass reporters. When poll after poll records alarming losses of public faith in our traditional institutions, I simply believe that responsible efforts must be made to address that erosion of public trust.

The general perception is that the politicians are corrupt, that judges cannot be entirely trusted, and that the media are biased and unscrupulous. I believe that it is time to take serious steps to restore public credibility in these institutions.

The Senate took one such step in 1991 when it adopted legislation which I sponsored to prohibit its members from receiving honoraria. I believe that action has proved to be meritorious and constructive.

More recently, I offered a sense-of-the-Senate amendment calling on